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In re Application of:

Isabelle Guyon et al.

Serial No. 10/057,849

Filed: January 24, 2002

For: METHODS OF IDENTIFYING

PATTERNS IN BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS)

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b)

Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AND USES THEREOF

Sir:

Applicants request reconsideration of the Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b), filed December 26, 2002, for the above-referenced application. Applicants herein provide incontrovertible evidence that the uncooperative co-inventors received the application papers (Specification, Claims, Drawings and Declaration and Power of Attorney document); and a showing that such action is required to prevent irreparable damages.

The two co-inventors, Isabelle Guyon and Jason Weston, refuse to sign documents relating to the filing of this application. BIOwulf Technologies, LLC, (also known as BIOwulf, LLC), and the Attorneys of Record have used diligent efforts in communicating with co-inventors Isabelle Guyon and Jason Weston. Both co-inventors have

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refused to cooperate and continue to refuse to cooperate in completing the documents

necessary to complete the filing of the above-referenced application.

The Declaration of Eleanor Musick, Attorney of Record, provides evidence of

receipt of the complete application including the Specification, Claims, Drawings and a

Declaration and Power of Attorney by Isabelle Guyon and Jason Weston, and are included

with this Request for Reconsideration, along with Exhibits U, V, W, and X.

Although they had been previously sent to the inventors in accordance with

our normal regular procedure, in response to the refusal of Applicants' last petition, a

duplicate set of complete copies of the Specification, Claims, Drawings, and Declaration and

Power of Attorney were sent to Jason Weston and Isabelle Guyon on July 28, 2003. (See

Exhibits U and V). Isabelle Guyon and Jason Weston both signed for the packages

containing the Specification, Claims, Drawings and Declaration and Power of Attorney. (See

Exhibits X and Y) Both Jason Weston and Isabelle Guyon have therefore received at least

one complete copy of the above-referenced application as well as the Declaration and Power

of Attorney documents requiring their signatures.

Isabelle Guyon has acknowledged receipt of a complete copy of the

Specification, Claims, Drawings and Declaration and Power of Attorney and has expressly

refused to execute the Declaration and Power of Attorney document. (Exhibit W).

Jason Weston signed for the package containing a complete copy of the

Specification, Claims, Drawings and Declaration and Power of Attorney. (See Exhibit X).

We have received no communication from Jason Weston.

As stated in the Declaration of Stephen Barnhill, the failure of the U.S. Patent

and Trademark Office to grant a filing date for and examine the above-referenced application

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will cause irreparable damage to BIOwulf Technologies, LLC, in that BIOwulf

Technologies, LLC, will not be able to preserve the patent rights for an invention arising

from research that the company conducted and funded.

BIOwulf Technologies, LLC, and Attorneys of Record have repeatedly

contacted Isabelle Guyon and Jason Weston. Isabelle Guyon and Jason Weston have failed

to execute documents necessary for the filing of the above-referenced patent application.

Therefore, BIOwulf Technologies, LLC, requests that the Petition to declare Isabelle Guyon

and Jason Weston uncooperative inventors be reconsidered and granted so that the rights in

the invention held by BIOwulf Technologies, LLC, will be maintained, and that the patent

application can proceed to examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Should any further fees be required for this reconsideration, please charge

them to the Deposit Account 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION OF ELEANOR MUSICK

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Sir:

- I, Eleanor Musick, having first-hand knowledge of the facts recited herein, declare as follows:
- 1. A complete copy of the Specification including Claims, Drawings, and Declaration and Power of Attorney were sent to the last known addresses of Isabelle Guyon and Jason Weston. (See Exhibit U and V).
- 2. Isabelle Guyon signed and returned a refusal to execute and return the Declaration and Power of Attorney. (See Exhibit W).
- 3. Jason Weston signed for the Federal Express package containing the Specification including Claims, Drawings and Declaration and Power of Attorney on July 31, 2003. (See Exhibit X).

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4. No response has been received from Jason Weston.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of her

own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are

believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge

that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, or

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this application.

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Re: U.S. Patent Application for "Methods for Identifying Patterns in

Biological Systems and Uses Thereof"
Inventors: Isabelle Guyon; Jason Weston

Serial No. 10/057,849 Filed: January 24, 2002

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Dear Dr. Guyon:

As you may recall, we have sent copies of the above-referenced application, drawings and declaration to you on at least one prior occasion. For reasons you have explained in your correspondence with Marge Webber and Steve Barnhill, you are unable to execute the declaration because of the significant amount of work that would be required to review the lengthy application.

In order to provide satisfactory evidence of compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for obtaining consideration of the application in the absence of your signed declaration, we are once again sending the enclosed documents to you. While it would most helpful if you would review the application, claims and drawings and sign the declaration, I will understand if you choose to maintain your prior position. In the latter case, I would appreciate it if you could complete the enclosed "Inventor Response" and return it to me.

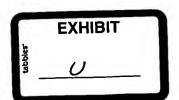
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Cordially yours,

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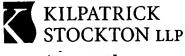
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Re: U.S. Patent Application for "Methods for Identifying Patterns in

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Dear Dr. Weston:

As you may recall, we have sent copies of the above-referenced application, drawings and declaration to you previously by both e-mail and Federal Express. As we have confirmed delivery of our prior transmissions and you have not responded, we have assumed that you are unable to or have refused to execute and return the declaration regarding inventorship.

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Dear Ms. Musick,

Thank you for sending me this new application for reviewing. Since our last correspondence, I have not heard from Dr. Barnhill, regarding the expense approval for my compensation from the bankruptcy court. Therefore, I am unable to perform the careful review of your material that would be required to sign the declaration that you sent me, which engages my responsibility.

However, as a courtesy to you, I reviewed the claims. Claim 1 is way too broad. It covers a wide range of techniques that have been in use for many years. See e.g. (LeCun, 1990) Optimum Brain Damage, Y. Le Cun, J.S. Denker, and S.A. Solla. In D. Touretzky Ed. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 2. Pp 598-605, Morgan Kaufmann. 1990, and (Kohavi, 1997) Wrappers for feature subset selection. Ron Kohavi and George John. In Artificial Intelligence journal, special issue on relevance, Vol. 97, Nos 1- 2, pp. 273-324. Claims 2, 3, 4 would be OK. Claim 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 should refer to claim 2 (that should become claim 1).

Best regards

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My consulting fees to perform the patent review have not been approved by the bankruptcy court of Barnhill/Biowulf. Therefore, I am unable to perform the careful review of the patent that would be required to sign the enclosed declaration, which engages my responsibility. However, as a courtesy, I reviewed the claims. Claim 1 is way too broad. It covers a wide range of techniques that have been in use for many years. See e.g. (LeCun, 1990) Optimum Brain Damage, Y. Le Cun, J.S. Denker, and S.A. Solla. In D. Touretzky Ed. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 2. Pp 598-605, Morgan Kaufmann. 1990, and (Kohavi, 1997) Wrappers for feature subset selection. Ron Kohavi and George John. In Artificial Intelligence journal, special issue on relevance, Vol. 97, Nos 1-2, pp. 273-324. Claims 2, 3, 4 would be OK. Claim 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 should refer to claim 2 (that should become claim 1).

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